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REMARKS

The Office Action of July 30, 2003 objected to the term "all on a single shaft" pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §132 on the grounds that it introduced new matter into the application. Claims 58 and 61 were rejected pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §112 for using the objected to term "all on a single shaft". The Office Action of July 30, 2003 also indicated that claims 53-57, 59-60 and 62-64 were allowed. The objection to the term "all on a single shaft" and the rejection of the claims 58 and 61 is respectfully traversed for the reasons set for the below.

The Examiner and Applicant have already discussed the Applicants use of the term "all on a single shaft" in previous Office Actions and have previously resolved the issue to the Examiner's satisfaction. In an Office Action dated September 24, 1999 the Examiner rejected claims 53, 58-59, 61-62 and 65 under 35 U.S.C. 112 indicating that "the term 'all on a single shaft' does not appear to be supported by the disclosure." On February 3, 2000 Applicants filed a response to the Office Action of September 24, 1999 directly addressing the objections to the term "all on a single shaft" (See Page 2) and explaining how the use of the term was supported in the disclosure. On February 17, 2000, the Examiner withdrew his objections and issued a Notice of Allowance. The application was then involved in Interference No. 104, 561 which was decided in Applicant's favor.

The term "all on a single shaft", which was supported back on February 17, 2000, is still supported today. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner withdraw the rejections of claims 58 and 61 and declare an Interference between the present application and claims 1 and 4-8 of United States Patent No. 5,811, 201 issued to Mark J. Skowronski. The basis for the Interference is set forth in the proposed Request for Interference previously sent to the Examiner on March 6, 2003 along with Applicants last Amendment and Response of the same date.

If there are any remaining questions regarding the application, we invite the Examiner to call Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

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